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IN THE CLAIMS

1.-7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) A hand tool comprising:

a handle extending along a first axis; and

a seat block mounted to an end of said handle, said seat block having an outwardly opening slot with an open face, said slot being centered around a second axis that is generally parallel but offset from said first axis, and said open face of said slot being configured to be movable downwardly onto a shaft of a vice, and to be moved along the shaft until said seat block abuts an enlarged portion on the shaft, such that said handle can then be utilized to apply torque to said shaft with an elongated lever arm due to the attachment of said handle to the shaft.

9. (New) The hand tool as recited in claim 8, wherein said slot has a first cross-section at a first end remote from said handle and a second cross-section at a second end spaced toward said handle, with said second cross-section being smaller than said first cross section.

10. (New) The hand tool as recited in claim 9, wherein said slot is generally frusto-conical between said first and second ends.

11. (New) A combination of a vice and a handle comprising:

a vice having a shaft extending along an axis to an enlarged portion;

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a hand tool received to create an elongated lever arm to allow increased torque to turn said shaft, said hand tool comprising a handle extending along a first axis, and a seat block mounted to an end of said handle, said seat block having an outwardly opening slot with an open face, and said open face of said slot being configured to be movable downwardly onto the shaft, and to be moved along the shaft until said seat block abuts the enlarged portion on the shaft, such that said handle can then be utilized to apply torque to the shaft with an elongated lever arm due to the attachment of said handle to the shaft.

12. (New) The combination as recited in claim 11, wherein said slot has a first cross-section at a first end remote from said handle and a second cross-section at a second end spaced toward said handle, with said second cross-section being smaller than said first cross section.

13. (New) The combination as recited in claim 12, wherein said slot is generally frusto-conical between said first and second ends.

14. (New) The combination as recited in claim 11, wherein said slot is centered around a second axis that is generally parallel but offset from said first axis,

15. (New) A method of increasing leverage on a vice handle comprising the steps of:

(1) providing a vice shaft extending to an enlarged portion;

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(2) moving a hand tool onto said vice shaft such that an open slot in a seat block is moved onto said vice shaft, and said open slot is then brought to abut said enlarged portion of said vice shaft with a tool handle extending from said seat block, and beyond said enlarged portion;

(3) applying a torque to said tool handle, such that said torque is transferred to said vice shaft through said slot.